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RISPE CHAT: Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Event

Dear Rhode Island Engineers,

This past month, RISPE volunteers donated their time and cooking talents during the Meal Preparation Event at the Ronald McDonald House in Providence (the House). The House is a home-away-from-home for families of children who are being treated at area hospitals. The House is neither a healthcare nor childcare facility, but rather serves as a temporary residence for as many as 28 families at one time, offering private bedrooms and bathrooms as well as common living, dining, kitchen, recreation, and laundry areas.

As Meal Preparers, the RISPE Volunteers were responsible for preparing and serving dinner on the evening of March 28th for around 30-32 House guests. A total of 10 RISPE volunteers participated in the event and prepared a full dinner including salad, garlic bread, roasted asparagus, meatballs, pasta, and apple tart for dessert.

Following the event, we received a very nice thank you letter from the House Staff: *“Thank you for a wonderful dinner last night. Everything was great. The families enjoyed the meal and there was plenty. We are so grateful for our volunteers and the support we receive from our volunteers.”*

On behalf of the RISPE Executive Board, I would like to thank all who participated in the event as well as the sponsorship from our RISPE membership. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
David Arpin, PE

RISPE President



Upcoming RISPE Event: 2019 Annual Banquet

RISPE is pleased to announce that it will be hosting this year's Annual Banquet on Thursday, May 23rd at the Officers' Club, Naval Station Newport. The highlight of the event will include a presentation by Mr. Neil McLaughlin of Pangaea Logistics Solutions, Ltd. Mr. McLaughlin will be discussing the development of the former power plant site at Brayton Point in Somerset, Massachusetts. The plant made headlines recently during the controlled demolition of the iconic twin 500-foot-tall cooling towers. The development efforts of the 200+ acre site are planned to take advantage of its useful waterfront and turn the site into a logistics port, manufacturing hub, and support center for the offshore wind industry.

The event will also include an update from the NSPE Executive Director, Mark Golden, FASAE, CAE; an update from ACEC-RI Executive Director Marcel Valois on their recent State legislative efforts to advocate for the PE Licensure; the presentation of the 2019 RISPE Young Engineer of the Year Award; the presentation of the 2019 RISPE Scholarship; and recognition of the over 25 Newly Registered RI Professional Engineers!

If you would like to register for the event, please RSVP to darpin@rtg-eng.com by 12:00pm, Monday, May 20th. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,
David Arpin, PE
RISPE President

RISPE Seeking Board Members for the upcoming 2019-2020 Fiscal Year:

RISPE is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Executive Board. Serving as a board member is a great way expand your network while at the same time giving back to the engineering profession. RISPE Board Members help to plan and organize membership events, volunteer at local charitable events, and participate in monthly Board Meetings.

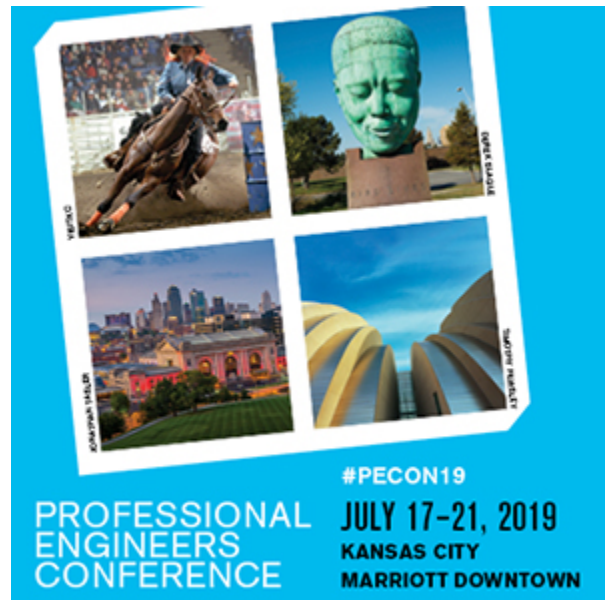
If you are interested in joining, please email me at darpin@rtg-eng.com. Alternatively, if you know someone who may be a good fit for the Board, please encourage them to get involved.

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The ability to manage projects and lead teams is crucial to advancing your career as a professional engineer. Even if you have years of experience in the field, there are still opportunities to enhance your knowledge. The PE Conference includes an entire track of leadership and risk management sessions to give you the tools, resources, and best practices to further your career.

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[Providing Feedback at Work: The STEER Methodology](#)

May 22 at 2 p.m. Eastern

What if you could find better ways to get your staff to act with more proficiency? The results for your business would be significant. Happier customers. More satisfied co-workers. And, you would be relieved of some sources of stress.

This presentation on providing feedback in the workplace suggests tools that you can use to give more effective feedback to your colleagues and other personnel. STEER is an acronym that represents five main elements of feedback: specificity, timing, explanation, emotion, and reinforcement.

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May 29 at 2 p.m. Eastern

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